


The Deputy Secretary of Energy
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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENTAL ELEMENTS

FROM: FRANCIS S. BLAKE 
SUBJECT: Biological Etiologic Agents Notice 450.7 Implementation

The Department of Energy (DOE) can make a significant contribution to our national security through the conduct of research and work with biological etiologic agents. The goal of DOE Notice 450.7 is to provide appropriate, graded controls to enhance this much needed research and work activity, not restrict it.

The Department must be responsible stewards of biological etiologic agents, as we have done with radioactive materials, by implementing and complying with DOE Notice 450.7, *The Safe Handling, Transfer, and Receipt of Biological Etiologic Agents at Department of Energy Facilities*. DOE Notice 450.7, copy attached, should be incorporated into applicable contracts as soon as possible.

Until the provisions of DOE Notice 450.7 are incorporated into contracts, you are directed to evaluate existing biological etiologic research and programs against the provisions of the Notice. If you believe unilateral compensatory actions are needed to establish controls over this material to ensure safety and security, then you should direct such action in consultation with appropriate procurement officials.

Attachment